

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 16, 2007, was received and carefully reviewed. The preceding amendments and the following remarks form a full and complete response thereto. A substitute specification is submitted herewith. Claim 5 was amended as to matters of form. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1-5 are pending in this application and submitted for reconsideration.

Claims 1-4 are allowed.

An objection was made to the Abstract because it was more than one paragraph. A replacement Abstract is submitted herewith. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the objection be withdrawn.

An objection was made to the Specification for failing to comply with the MPEP guidelines for arrangement of the specification. A substitute specification is submitted herewith that complies with the MPEP guidelines for arrangement of the specification. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the objection to the Specification be withdrawn.

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as their invention. Applicants traverse the rejection and submit that claim 5 is not indefinite.

In the Office Action, the phrase "different in number of stitches" was determined to be "unclear." Claim 5 recites that the projections can be arranged in a location such as, for example, the heel or knee supporter, wherein each of the courses can have a different number of stitches than the other courses in the region. Claim 5 has been

amended to clarify the subject matter, and the Applicant submits that claim 5 complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn and claim 5 be allowed.

In view of the above, all objections and rejections have been sufficiently addressed. The Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and requests that claims 1-5 be allowed and this application passed to issue.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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